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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q83447

Kaoru ASANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/509,595

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No.: 3089

Examiner: P.S. Whaley

Filed: September 29, 2004

For: GENE EXAMINATION METHOD FOR JUDGING THE ONSET RISK OF  
GLAUCOMA

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated January 5, 2006, Applicants respond as follows.

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, 12 and 14-20 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

With respect to the election regarding Species A, Applicants elect (iii) a position within a gene region containing both a glaucoma-related gene coding region and a glaucoma-related upstream region.

With respect to the election regarding Species B, Applicants elect the substitution at position 4037 of SEQ ID NO:1.

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Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12, 14-20 are all readable on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 11 and 13.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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